

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

VON DRACH et al.

U.S. National Phase of PCT/EP00/03953

Entry papers filed herewith November 1, 2001

For: REINFORCING AND/OR PROCESS FIBERS BASED ON VEGETABLE  
FIBERS AND PRODUCTION THEREOF

Attention: PCT OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application  
number PCT/EP00/03953.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 3-6, 9, 11, 13 and 16 with the following amended claims.

3(Amended). Reinforcing and/or process fibres comprising a mixture of fibres  
according to Claim 1 and fibrillated aramid fibres.

4(Amended). Fibres according to Claim 3, characterized in that the weight  
fraction of the fibres is between 10% and 90%.

5(Amended). Fibres according to Claim 3, characterized in that the weight  
fraction of the fibres is between 50% and 80%.

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